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## Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board

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**Location: Remote**

**Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

**Time: 11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

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### Meeting Minutes:

#### **I. Call to Order**

- Welcome to our second remote, or virtual Oversight Board meeting. As everyone is likely busy, we will do our best to keep the meeting on schedule.
- Housekeeping notes *from Daniel*
- We appreciate everyone's time and participation today. I understand the last few months have had some unprecedented challenges, many of which are ongoing. The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on our justice system only makes this work more urgent.
- Before we get to the agenda, and roll, I'd like to welcome our two newest members and invite them to share a few words.
  - First, welcome to Howard County Executive Calvin Ball nominated by the President of the Maryland Association of Counties. Calvin is replacing our dear friend Bob Culver who passed away this year.
  - Now I'd like to welcome Sheriff Doug Mullendore from Washington County. Sheriff Mullendore was on the original Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council and brings a tremendous amount of experience to this work.

- Roll Call

#### **II. Agency Updates**

##### **A. Maryland Department of Health**

- Representing the Maryland Department of Health is John Robison, Secretary Neall's designee,

who will share updates on treatment placements, or the 8-505/8-507 process, as well as any other highlights of interest and relevant to the Board.

- 160 8505 evals, 83 placements under 8507 - 10 day average placement time
- Continuing to work with local health departments to get evaluations completed quickly

### **B. Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services**

- Assistant Secretary Carolyn Scruggs is representing the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and will share some brief updates.
- Continuing staff and inmate testing, starting cycle 5
  - Total population to test - 17,000 inmates, 6,500 officers
  - Limited spread, right now contained in Hagerstown area. Doing well with hospitalizations, only 3 right now
  - Compliance teams in facilities
- Regarding restitution - approx 480 inmates with restitution judgements against them and money being taken out of accounts as appropriate
- Doors re-opening to partners including teachers from DLLR. Continuing to expand virtual programming across the system
- Focused on expanding local detention center collaboration for reentry
- Donna Rojas, new Reentry Director. Combining Social Work and Reentry units
- Paul DeWolfe -OPD- Testing has been a challenge and difficult for meeting visitation requirements
  - Sec. Scruggs did speak to OPD and they can accommodate staff during testing cycles but will require some planning. Can also try to accommodate more urgent visitation needs.
- That you. Now, a brief programming note: For our next meeting, we look forward to a multifaceted presentation from the Secretary and his team addressing the broad range of issues DPSCS is addressing.

### **C. Administrative Office of the Courts**

- I'd like to welcome Chief Judge Morrissey to present updates and data from the Courts.

- Great collaboration across agencies to align and streamline processes during pandemic
- Phase 5 of gradual court reopening on 10/5, full reopening
  - Not the same, need for social distancing and Covid protocols. Remote options where possible.
  - Prioritizing incarcerated individuals, working closely with detention centers
- For technical violations - 82% compliance rate for cases prior to 10/1/2017, 77% compliance rate after 10/1/2017
  - Most common reason to exceed cap is time served credit
- Judge Cox - Circuit Court jury trials beginning
  - Close coordination and good collaboration. Different in every jurisdiction but generally a slow start, big backlog and challenges remain.
  - Speedy trial issues inevitable

#### **D. Local Detention Centers**

- Representing local detention centers, Maj. T.D. Reece.
- Continuing to meet regularly and coordinate with DPSCS, Courts and other detention centers
- Openness varies by jurisdiction. Everyone is testing and following CDC guidelines
- OPD happy to work with facilities to expand remote meeting options

#### **E. Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services**

- Jeff Zuback will provide updates from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victim Services.
  - See attached quarterly performance measures
- Question regarding the Performance Incentive Grant - Office is working to verify budget information and will inform grantees as soon as possible regarding extensions.

### **III. Expungement and Restitution Workgroup Updates**

- A. Daniel, can you share a quick update on the Expungement and Restitution Workgroups?
- B. Both workgroups have gotten off to a good start, but still very early and not much to report now. Each workgroup has had one introductory meeting but additional meetings

and progress are expected before the end of the year.

#### **IV. Juvenile Justice Reform Council Presentation**

- A. Now let's turn to Betsy Tolentino from the Department of Juvenile Services. Betsy will share a brief update on the Juvenile Justice Reform Council.
- B. Legislation passed in 2019 establishing council to use a data-driven approach to evaluate statewide policies and recommend improvements that increase public safety and decrease recidivism. Vera Institute of Justice is providing technical assistance.
- C. Had a few early meetings in 2019 and conducted stakeholder listening sessions in early 2020 to gain feedback. Reconvened in 2020 with a focus on Covid-19. Council then established priorities and an aggressive agenda. Vera facilitated or will facilitate expert presentations on each priority area, including:
  - 1. Minimum age of juvenile jurisdiction
  - 2. Probation practices
  - 3. Out of home placement
  - 4. Diversion
  - 5. Youth charged as adults
  - 6. Services
  - 7. Education
- D. See website for additional information and meeting schedule
- E. Final report due at the end of the year and council is considering recommendations

#### **V. Maryland Department of Health Medicare/Criminal Justice Presentation**

- A. Thank you Betsy. Now we're happy to welcome Elizabeth Kasameyer from the Maryland Department of Health to share an exciting new project involving collaboration with the public health and criminal justice system.
- B. Received grant from Opioid Operational Command Center to pursue this work and interested in expanding partnerships with criminal justice community
- C. Effort seeks to expand crisis services by leveraging Outpatient Mental Health Centers
- D. See attached presentation

#### **VI. Return Home Baltimore Presentation**

- A. Our final presentation today is from Dawna Cobb. Dawna has created a great new

resource for returning citizens and we hope all of us can help Dawna grow and promote this new tool.

B. <https://returnhome.org/>

C. Return Home will continue to grow and we appreciate your input and ongoing collaboration. Please be in touch.

## **VII. Next Meeting**

A. We hope to schedule our next meeting in the near future, before the end of the year. As we mentioned earlier, our next meeting will focus on DPSCS. Please keep an eye out for a meeting invitation in the coming weeks.

## **VIII. Good of the Order & Adjournment**